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SUBJECT: AID TO PORTUGAL

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1. REF A INSTRUCTED ACTION ADDRESSEES TO DISREGARD
EARLIER REQUEST (REF B) TO INFORM ITALY IN EC PRESIDENCY
ROLE AND EC COMMISSION THAT USG WOULD ANNOUNCE BILATERAL
AID TO PORTUGAL OCTOBER 7. DEPT APPRECIATES ADDRESSEES'
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EFFORTS (REF C) TO ADJUST TO RAPID CHANGE IN SIGNALS.

2. CHANGE IN ACTION REQUESTED RESULTED FROM OUR LEARNING THAT ANTUNES WOULD BE IN THE US FOR A VISIT TO THE UNGA LATER THIS WEEK, OUR DECISION TO INVITE HIM TO WASHINGTON FOR A MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY, AND OUR SUBSEQUENT DECISION (IN LIGHT OF THE PRECEDING FACTS) THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF US AID TO PORTUGAL WOULD HAVE GREATER IMPACT IF MADE FOLLOWING THE MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY.

3. ACTION ADDRESSEES SHOULD EXPLAIN ABOVE CIRCUMSTANCES TO HOST OFFICIALS, AND NOTE THAT US WILL ANNOUNCE ITS INTENT TO AID REFUGEES IN PORTUGAL DURING OR IMMEDIATELY AFTER A MEETING BETWEEN ANTUNES AND THE SECRETARY, WHICH WE HOPE TO SCHEDULE OCTOBER 10. ADDRESSEES SHOULD STRESS

THAT WE WISH TO CONTINUE CLOSE COORDINATION BETWEEN US AID AND EC BILATERAL/MULTILATERAL AID FOR PORTUGAL, AND THAT OUR DECISION WITH RESPECT TO TIMING OF ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE WITH A VIEW TO MAXIMIZING IMPACT IN PORTUGAL OF ALL WESTERN AID PROGRAMS. KISSINGER

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